

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation Application under 37 CFR 1.53:

Prior Application: H. YAMADA et al  
Serial No. 09/745,928  
Filed: December 26, 2000  
Group Art Unit: 2181  
Examiner: X. M. Thai

For: DATA PROCESSING PROCESSOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application  
as follows.